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Stroup Dormitory by night

# The President's Page



**Dr. Elliott**

Gardner-Webb is still progressing in both extent and quality. Our work has been hampered by the loss of Huggins-Curtis. It has been necessary because of that loss to take over the Guidance room and the club room as well as all other available space for needed classrooms. So far we have been able to take care of all who wanted rooms.

Now it becomes necessary, in order to provide the needed science courses for those who must have them and to do the work with our standard efficiency, to go forward with the construction of the Science Hall.

It is not necessary, I think, to argue with you about the need. You know that. This letter is intended to bring you up to date with the facts.

The building we need will contain about 15,000 square feet of floor space and will be two stories in height. To construct and furnish the building we think will cost around \$200,000.00. At least half that amount should be in hand before plans are submitted for bids. We will have about \$60,000.00 available from insurance and small unsolicited gifts. That means that we must raise only \$40,000.00 before we can submit plans for bids. The building should by all means be under construction before the opening of the fall semester, 1959. It may be included in the larger campaign for expansion contemplated this fall.

May I invite you to share with me in the thrill of preparing for the training of all who come here and for the day when our own children and grandchildren will come.

There will be some whose circumstances will not allow them to give. But let us who can share with those who can't in order that the average gift may be at least \$5.00. Large or small, let us seek to make the participation in this project 100 percent. Please use the card below for your convenience either in making your pledge or dropping it in an envelope with your check.

Yours for the Gardner-Webb of our dreams.

**P. L. Elliott**



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## ABOUT THE COVER

Long spring evenings make the social hour end all too soon after the evening meal, but hard-driving professors make long assignments, and term paper deadlines come due with monotonous regularity. The students, therefore, have plenty of studying to do, but with the comforting thought that summer vacation is almost here.

Stroup Dormitory for Women stands majestic in the darkness, with the light from dozens of study lamps casting long shadows across the lawn.

## Schedule For Commencement Weekend

Saturday, May 23:

Meeting of board of trustees                      4:00 O'clock  
Alumni banquet                      6:30 P. M.

Sunday, May 24:

Music concert                      3:00 P. M.  
Baccalaureate sermon, 8:00 P. M.

Monday, May 25:

Breakfast for graduates                      8:00 A. M.  
Graduation exercises                      10:30 A. M.

## Applications Ahead For Fall Of 1959

Applications for admission of freshman students for 1959 are now running 11 per cent ahead of this date last year.

Virtually all boarding space has been taken, but applications were still being accepted on May 1, with a few available rooms in all dormitories.

Enrollment has climbed over 25 per cent since 1954, but has hovered around the 500 mark for the past two years because of lack of additional space. Plans are developing for a new science building shortly to relieve this situation.

Alumni interested in sending a child or friend to Gardner-Webb next fall are urged to have the student apply for admission while space is still available.

## College Receives Stock Valued At Over \$100,000

Last winter Gardner-Webb received some \$100,000 in stock in Lily Mill of Shelby, through provisions in the will of the late John Schenck.

The stock was placed in the endowment fund in exchange for low-income bonds which were sold to reduce college indebtedness.

The college now owes only \$170,000 for capital improvements, with no debts for current operation. This is believed to be far less indebtedness than that of any other Baptist college in the state.

## College Clinic Gets Separate Title And Board; Named In Memory Of Dr. S. S. Royster

The Gardner-Webb Clinic, opened by the college almost 10 years ago, has been separated from the college and given a new charter.

Newly named the Royster Memorial Hospital, Inc., the hospital will be directed by an independent board of trustees composed of 20 residents of the greater Boiling Springs area.

In an action of April 13 the college trustees approved a 10 year lease for the hospital, subject to renewal by mutual agreement.. The lease provides for continuation of medical care for college students, whose health fees now provide up to 14 days hospitalization each year.

The hospital is named in memory of Dr. S. S. Royster of Shelby, whose interest and gifts made the original clinic possible.

When the clinic opened on Dec. 1, 1949, Dr. W. Wyan Washburn and three nurses constituted the entire staff. Capacity of the building was 10 patients.

Now the medical staff includes Dr. Washburn, Dr. Sam J. Crawley Jr., and Dr. T. R. Harris. Felix E. Hamrick is business manager, and employees and staff number 30. The original plant has been expanded twice, and is now valued at \$175,000. It can care for 30 patients, and during a recent epidemic found space for 35.

In granting a separate charter, Gardner-Webb trustees are making the hospital eligible for endowment funds, public contributions, and tax support. It was not eligible for these sources of revenue as a part of the college.

College officials will continue to take a close personal interest in progress of the hospital, which was established to serve a need for better medical care to college and community residents.

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## Next Regular Issue In November

The next regular alumni issue of the **Quarterly** is scheduled for November, as it is published each quarter during the school year, appearing in November, February, and May.

The August issue of the **Quarterly** replaces the college catalog. It will be mailed to alumni on request.

To assure prompt delivery of the **Quarterly** and other correspondence from the college, all former students should keep the editor informed of any change of address.

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Prof. Hubert C. Dixon, head of the natural science department and member of the college faculty since 1935, has won a National Defense Act scholarship for summer study at Florida State University. He and his family will be there for two months this summer.

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Prof. Francis B. Dedmond, head of the English department, will study at Duke University this summer on a grant from the Japan Society and the Asian Foundation.

# Our Alumni President Speaks

Dear Fellow Alumni:



Mr. Walker

This is my last word to you before our Alumni Banquet and the end of my year as your president, therefore; there are several things I wish to say to you regarding your ser-

vice for right in the future. (1) I hope you will make your reservation for the Alumni Banquet May 23 and that you will be present for this joyous occasion. (2) Whether you are graduating in the class of '59 or you are the oldest graduate of our school, you will sincerely accept your place in this complex society with a great deal of courageous conviction and enthusiasm.

Gardner-Webb (Boiling Springs) has braved the storms over the years, (I remember when it limped badly,) instilling into the hearts through its administration and faculty, things that are of fundamental value for the everlasting extension for right. Surely no one could ever question the fact that God in His always and ever existing plan, so ordained that this school would be a very vital part of His program to bring His Kingdom in and further His cause to the ends of the earth.

The pressure of the world is calling upon people to turn from things that are right and conform to the ways of the world. No matter what the pressure is, may we never deviate from that which has been imbedded in our souls. Let us remember always those whose sacrificial lives made our education possible. We are thankful for Dr. Elliott, the administrative staff and faculty of Gardner-Webb, and pray God's richest blessings upon them. We are also proud of the alumni who serve in the various places throughout our land. It is our hearts' desire that all shall ever hold high the teaching and spirit we received at our Alma Mater.

In closing may I say a very personal word about what Gardner-Webb has meant to me. Had it not been for this little struggling school back in the middle 30's, I perhaps would not have had the privilege of attending school. I owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. George Burnett, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, Rev. J. R. Cantrell, and to the faculty who taught for almost no salary that I and others might receive an education. God only knows what this meant to me. I pray God's blessings upon those who still live and serve and remember with a great deal of thanksgiving those who have gone on.

Sincerely,

S. Guy Walker



# Life With The Alumni

## CLASS OF 1910

*Sam E. Haynes* lives at 311 Oakland Drive in Spindale.

## CLASS OF 1911

*Ella McCurry Campbell* (Mrs. R. C.) lives at 541 West Sumter street in Shelby.

## CLASS OF 1913

*Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cline* (Vertie Champion '16) live at Shelby, Rt. 3.

## CLASS OF 1916

*Vertie Champion*—see Cline '13.

## CLASS OF 1917

*Della Borders Beam* (Mrs. Elzie Lee) is a homemaker at Shelby, Rt. 2.

## CLASS OF 1918

*Inez Ezell Tabor* (Mrs. Claude W.) is a homemaker in Johnson City, Tenn. She and Mr. Tabor have three children.

## CLASS OF 1919

*Mr. and Mrs. H. Cade Greene* (Minnie Lester '34) live in Boiling Springs.

## CLASS OF 1920

*Jennie Dean Allen*—see Bridges '21.

## CLASS OF 1921

*Mr. and Mrs. Carver Bridges* (Jennie Dean Allen '20) live at Shelby, Rt. 2, where they are engaged in the poultry business.

*Winnie McCraw Webb* (Mrs. Hugh) lives at Gaffney, S. C., Rt. 2.

*Dr. Martin Dewey Whitaker* of Bethlehem, Pa., and Mrs. Whitaker are making a tour of Europe and the Near East this spring. They will visit Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Israel and Lebanon. Dr. Whitaker is president of Lehigh University.

## CLASS OF 1922

*Jesse Bridges*, president of Union Trust Company in Shelby, was elected vice-president of the Cleveland-Rutherford Executives Club in April.

*Connie McCraw Frazier* (Mrs. L. P.) lives in Spartanburg, S. C.

*Bessie Stroup Laney* (Mrs. Grady) lives at Maiden, Rt. 1. She is employed by Balls Creek School cafeteria. She and Mr. Laney have two children, a son and a daughter, both of whom are married.

*Virginia Powers Marshburn* (Mrs. Wellie) lives at Maple Hill.

*Alice Hammett Vassey* (Mrs. Charles Turner) is a housewife in Cowpens, S. C. She and Mr. Vassey have two daughters and four granddaughters.

## CLASS OF 1924

*L. H. Gibson* lives at Shelby, Rt. 2, where he is a poultry farmer.

*Boyce Gillespie* lives at Baltimore, Md.

*John E. Powers* lives at Maple Hill.

## CLASS OF 1925

*James C. Gillespie, Jr.*, lives at Reidsville.

*Ralph T. Gillespie* lives at Reidsville.

*Grady Queen* lives at Spencer.

*Reola Cornelia Wall*—see Kendrick '31.

## CLASS OF 1926

*Pauline Myrtle Culbreth* lives at Ellenboro.

*Pearl Queen* lives at Rutherfordton, Rt. 3.

## CLASS OF 1927

*Geddes Horton* lives at Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

*Mr. and Mrs. Rufus E. Martin* (Gladys Horton '28) live at Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Martin is a plumber and Mrs. Martin a housewife.

## CLASS OF 1928

*Rev. Watson E. Abrams* is pastor of Catawba Heights Baptist Church in Belmont.

*Edna Mae Tinsley Burns* (Mrs. Roy M.) is a housewife in Marathon, Fla. She and Mrs. Burns have a daughter, Beverly, 14.

*Margaret E. Greene*—see Padgett '32.

*Gladys Horton*—see Martin '27.

*Vance Horton* lives at Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

## CLASS OF 1929

*Boyce W. Davis* lives at 247 Church Street, Clinchfield, Marion. He is a textile worker.

*Bleaze Horton* lives at Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

*Jack Parris* lives at Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

## CLASS OF 1930

*Marshall McCraw* lives at 162 Cedar street in Mooresville.

## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

### CLASS OF 1931

*Rev. Ralph Bennett Carpenter* is pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Mount Holly.

*Rev. Hubert Huggins* is pastor of Dallas Baptist Church in Dallas.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kendrick (Reola Cornelia Wall '25)* live at Shelby, Rt. 2.

### CLASS OF 1932

*Mr. and Mrs. Owen Padgett (Margaret E. Greene '28)* live at Mooresboro, Rt. 1.

### CLASS OF 1933

*Earl A. Harmon* lives in Bessemer City where he is an insurance salesman.

*Cuttie Bridges Weaver (Mrs. Graham)* lives at Shelby, Rt. 3. She is employed as a nurse's aide at Royster Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs. She and Mr. Weaver have three daughters, and two grandchildren.

### CLASS OF 1934

*Mary Louise McCraw Buckner (Mrs. Robert)* is a homemaker at Rt. 1, Gaffney, S. C.

*O. C. Connor, Jr.* has been elected president of the Shelby Optimist Club.

*Mary Biddie Whisnant Jones (Mrs. Clifford)* is a homemaker at 25 Laney street in Shelby.

*Minnie Lester*—see Greene '19.

### CLASS OF 1935

*Sybil Moore Dellinger (Mrs. C. O.)* lives in Charlotte.

*Jean Moore Thompson*—see Barber '39.

### CLASS OF 1936

*Sarah Matilda Hamrick Blalock (Mrs. Hoyle)* lives in Boiling Springs.

*Herman Eugene Greene* lives at Shelby, Rt. 4.

*Dorothea Trout Kimbrell (Mrs. Perry)* lives in Maiden.

### CLASS OF 1937

*Madge Hardin Arrowood (Mrs. Lafayette)* lives in Kings Mountain where she is employed in a store. Her husband died April 22. Their daughters are Tillie, 17, and Lana, 14.

### CLASS OF 1939

*Mr. and Mrs. George R. Barber (Jean Moore Thompson '35)* live at 617 Mauney avenue in Kings Mountain.

*Thelma Dorris Bridges Dycus (Mrs. William O.)* lives at Ellenboro, Rt. 1.

### CLASS OF 1940

*Rev. A. A. Bailey* is pastor of First Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

### CLASS OF 1941

*Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blanton (Margretta Hicks)* live at Shelby, Rt. 3. They have three children, Sarah, 16; Barbara, 12; and James Jr., 7.

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brooks (Dorothy Dorris Cline)* live in Raleigh, where he is city editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer*. He has been with the Raleigh paper since 1946.

*Hal Dedmon* is assistant park superintendent and athletic director at City Park in Shelby. He played professional baseball six years with the Boston Braves organization and has coached American Legion Junior teams at Kings Mountain and Shelby.

*Robert F. Morgan*, North Carolina state senator from Cleveland County since 1952, was elected to the senate's top post as president pro-tem when the General Assembly convened in February. He is associated with his father in Morgan Feed and Seed Company in Shelby.

### CLASS OF 1942

*Rev. and Mrs. J. L. McCluney (Mrs. '43)* live in McAdenville, where he is pastor of McAdenville Baptist Church.

*Reba Brooks Tapy (Mrs. George F.)* lives at Bessemer City, Rt. 1, where she is a housewife. She and Mr. Tapy have three children, Michael, 14; Patricia, 12; and Jimmy, 9.

### CLASS OF 1943

*Mrs. J. L. McCluney*—see McCluney '42.

*Elliott Sprinkle* lives at Cowpens, S. C., Rt. 1.

*Libby Zane Alexander Tyner (Mrs. Grover F. Jr.)* lives in Bremen, Ga., where her husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church.

*Katherine Elam Washburn (Mrs. Vinson W.)* lives in Shelby.

### CLASS OF 1944

*Lois Merle Butler* lives at Avondale.

*Virginia Scism Jones (Mrs. Claude A. Jr.)* lives at Shelby, Rt. 3.

*Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Canipe* live at St. Paul, Va.

*Margaret King Harrill Watson (Mrs. Horace L.)* lives at Rutherfordton, Rt. 4.

## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

### CLASS OF 1945

*Polly Anna Camp Wease* (Mrs. Howard Matthew) lives in Shelby. Her husband is district agent in Shelby for Prudential Life Insurance Co. They have two children, Matt, 3; and Anna, 1½.

*Sarah Elam Williams* (Mrs. Dorman) lives at 5423 Milford Road in Charlotte.

### CLASS OF 1946

*Janice Falls Boyles* (Mrs. DeMar H.) lives at 625 Tina Drive in Shelby.

*Mrs. Dorothy M. Ramsey Franklin* — see Beam '47.

*Clarence Lane* lives in Cradock, Va.

*Rev. A. C. Martin* is pastor of a church near Blacksburg, S. C.

*Saranan Morgan* teaches at Shelby High School.

*Bessie Lipscomb Underdown* (Mrs. Thomas H.) is a housewife and mother at Rutherfordton, Rt. 5. Mr. Underdown is an insurance agent. They have three children, Dorothy, 10; Thomas Edgar, 4½; and John Marshall, 9 months.

### CLASS OF 1947

*Rev. and Mrs. John W. Beam* (Mrs. Dorothy M. Ramsey Franklin '46) live at 313 Harris street, Savannah, Ga.

*Rev. W. P. Bumgardner* lives at Kings Mountain, Rt. 1. He is pastor of Gamble Hill Baptist Church in the Gaston Association.

*Archie G. Chapman* of Shelby was awarded the bachelor of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary on Jan. 22. He is now education and youth director at Fairfield Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. He is married to the former *Miss Eunice Highsmith*.

*Marshall O. Cline* is a partner in Cline Motors in Shelby. He is married to the former *Miss Iva Hoyle* '48.

*Rev. and Mrs. Archie C. Hughes* live near Rutherfordton, where he is pastor of Mountain Creek Baptist Church. He was formerly pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church near Shelby for 6½ years.

*J. H. McClure, Jr.* is principal of Flint-Groves School in East Gastonia.

### CLASS OF 1948

*Iva Hoyle*—see Cline '47.

*Rev. John Kinnamon* is pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church in Gastonia.

*Guy McFarland* lives at Bostic, Rt. 2.

*James L. Nanney*, who teaches at Cliffside High School, has been awarded a scholarship to the University of North Carolina for the 1959-60 school year.

*Oscar Padgett, Jr.* is principal of Washington School in Shelby.

*Charles V. Sikes* is manager of the M & J office in Hickory.

*Harry Eugene Washburn* teaches at Lattimore High School.

*Doc Paul Willis* teaches at the Junior High School in Shelby.

### CLASS OF 1949

*Nancy Elam Anthony* (Mrs. Oliver, Jr.) lives in Shelby, where she is employed as a member of the advertising staff of *The Cleveland Times*. She and Mr. Anthony have two children.

*Carolyn Hames*—see Pendergrass '50.

*Everette D. Hollifield* lives in Greensboro where he is office manager for Western Auto. He and Mrs. Hollifield have three children, Sheila Jane, 9; Susan Denise, 4; and Everette D. Jr., 3.

*Willard "Bill" Metcalfe* of Avondale has been named assistant coach of the Shelby Legion team for the 1959 season. He is a teacher at Tri-High School.

*Joe M. Saunders* lives in Detroit, Mich. He has been a sales representative for Kellogg Company for the past six years. He is married and has a 3½ year old son, William M.

*Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webb, Jr.* (Peggy Walters) recently moved to Cliffside from Winston-Salem. He is district manager for Quaker Hill Nursery.

*Wilburn P. Wellmon* is enrolled as a junior at Belmont Abbey College. He and his wife, Helen, live at Lawndale, Rt. 3. He is seeking the bachelor of science degree, majoring in chemistry.

### CLASS OF 1950

*Ruby Daphene Ledford Cantrell* (Mrs. Dean) is a housewife. Dean is in the Air Force. They have one daughter, Deanna Ann, 2.

*Roy R. Grant, Jr.* lives at Burlington, Rt. 7. He is a biologist for Caroline Biological Supply Co. He and Mrs. Grant have three chil-



## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

dren, Terri Ellen, 4; Stephen Eric, 3; and Roy R. III, 7 months.

*John T. "Red" Painter* is baseball coach at Monroe High School in Monroe. He also assists in football. He is married to the former *Miss Ellen Clary*, '51.

*Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lee Pendergrass* (*Carolyn Hames* '49) live at Rutherfordton, Rt. 2. Frank teaches at Marion Junior High School in Marion. Carolyn is a homemaker and mother. They have two children, Steven Lee, 7, and George Robert, 1½.

*Ray Wesson Jr.* has been named head of the insurance department for Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's High Point office. He and *Mrs. Wesson* (*Lucile Driver*) have three children. Lynn, 6; Scott, 4; and David, 2.

### CLASS OF 1951

*Ellen Clary*—see Painter '50.

*Rev. Eugene B. Elmore* is pastor of Marietta Street Baptist Church in Gastonia.

*Alfred Smith Homesley* lives in Stanley, where he is employed by Duke Power Company at the Riverbend Plant. He is married to the former *Miss Evelyn Knowles*.

*Carl P. Jones* lives at Decatur, Ill.

*Allen Lee Lawrence* lives at Apex. He is employed by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Enforcement Division. He and *Mrs. Lawrence* have one son, Ronald, 4.

*Fred McFarland* lives at Ellenboro, Rt. 1.

### CLASS OF 1952

*Shirley Dedmon Cannon* (*Mrs. Tommy K.*) lives in Washington, D. C., where she is employed by The National War College. Her husband is in the Air Force stationed at Bolling Field. They have one son, Marshall Kent, born last Oct. 20.

*Reese Honeycutt*, who teaches in Charlotte, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Scholarship for study this summer at the University of South Carolina. He is married to the former *Miss Elizabeth Elliott* and they have two children.

*Columbus B. Hopper* is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Mississippi. He is married to the former *Miss Patricia Ann Benoy* and they have one son, Christopher Brian, 2.

*William Harry Presley* lives at Candler. He

operates First Aid Surgical Supply Co., in Asheville, and is married to the former *Mrs. Ila Reece*. He has a daughter, Angela, 13.

*Sarah Lee Hamrick Ulmer* (*Mrs. Paul*) lives at 29½ Fifth Street, Berea, Ohio.

### CLASS OF 1953

*Charles W. Crawford* lives in Aiken, S. C., where he is employed by duPont. He and *Mrs. Crawford* have two children, Debra Joan, 6; and Gregory Alan, 3.

*Mr. and Mrs. Max Goode* (*Joyce Whisnant* '54) live in Raleigh, where Max is enrolled at North Carolina State College. Joyce is employed as secretary at the Westinghouse Meter Plant in Raleigh.

*John Broadus Johnson, Jr.* lives in Charlotte where he is group representative for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. He and *Mrs. Johnson* have one daughter, Debra Anne, 3.

*Adrian Littlejohn* was called last month as minister of music and education at Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir. He was discharged from the Army in February, having served one year at Fort Jackson, S. C., and one year in northern Germany as Chaplain's assistant.

*Kenneth R. Queen* lives in Burlington, where he is employed by Kayser, Roth Hosiery Co., Inc. He and *Mrs. Queen* have one son, Stan, 1.

*Geraldine Woody Rector* (*Mrs. William Jr.*) lives at Valdese, Rt. 1. She teaches 7th grade at Valdese School. She and *Mr. Rector* have one daughter, Elaine.

### CLASS OF 1954

*Catherine M. Beck* is on the staff of Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S. C.

*Lucy Marcene Huss Blackburn* (*Mrs. James Billy*) lives in Lincolnton. She has been employed by Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company in Gastonia for 5½ years. Her husband is owner and operator of a service station in Lincolnton.

*Rev. Willie R. Kimberlin* is pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church in Harmony.

*Nada Hester Thomas* (*Mrs. Jack*) lives in Raleigh where she is a fifth grade teacher at Mount Vernon-Goodwin School. Jack is an engineering student at North Carolina State College.

*Joyce Whisnant*—see Goode '53.

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# GARDNER - WEBB COLLEGE: THE STORY BEHIND THE SCHOOL'S NAME

"How did this college get its name?" asked a co-ed recently. Her question brought to light the fact that an act of 17 years ago has now slipped into history and a new generation of students have been born since then.

Gardner-Webb College, which opened in 1907 as Boiling Springs High School, acquired its present name June 15, 1942, by an action of the board of trustees.

The name was adopted "In honor of two of Cleveland County's most prominent families," according to minutes of the board meeting.

Best known of the group was the dynamic Oliver Max Gardner, whose favorite title was "Citizen of Shelby." Former governor of North Carolina, he was at that time enjoying a lucrative law practice in Washington, D. C., was a multi-millionaire industrialist, and held appointment by President Roosevelt as Undersecretary of the Treasury and a member of the War Mobilization Board. To come four years later was a



O. Max Gardner in late 1946 as he chatted with President Truman about his appointment as Ambassador to Great Britain.

crowning honor in appointment by President Truman as Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Governor Gardner made his first substantial donation to the college in 1942, and before his death on February 6, 1947, he had poured well over a half-million dollars of his personal fortune into the institution. His greatest gift to the school, however, was of his time, interest, and influence. Through his efforts the faltering little college was placed on the road to becoming a financially sound, fully accredited institution.

Judge Edwin Yates Webb, brother-in-law of Governor Gardner, was a staunch and devoted, but less dramatic friend of the college for many years. He served as trustee for 15 years, including several terms as board chairman.

A former Congressman, Judge Webb was a Federal District Court Judge and was often referred to as a "Prince among jurists."

This is a brief sketch for today's student who wonders about the name: Gardner - Webb College. It is a name that honors two of Cleveland County's greatest men and two prominent families.

More than that, it is a symbol of the best in Piedmont Carolina and the South, so the name represents noble achievement of the people served by Gardner-Webb College



Portrait of Governor Gardner in Student Center given as a memorial to him. Students are Mickey Morrow, left, Shelby, and Mohammed Ali Pouryousefi of Iran.



## Choir Appearances In Spring Tour

Spring tour for the college choir has included a dozen performances in various parts of North Carolina.

Early last month the choir traveled to Fayetteville to sing in Cedar Falls and Second Baptist churches, and then in First Baptist Church, Laurinburg. They then gave programs at King High School and First Baptist Church in King.

Other recent appearances have been in First Baptist Church, Charlotte; Shady Grove Baptist Church, Cherryville; and Camp Creek Baptist Church near the college. They have also given a program in Mooresville, and for a youth rally of Sandy Run Association.

James M. Chamblee, director, is completing his first year as a Gardner-Webb faculty member.

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## Service Company Runs Cafeteria

Operation of the college cafeteria by a commercial food service company is proving very satisfactory to students, college officials, and the company according to recent reports.

Slater Food Service of Philadelphia, which began operating the college cafeteria Feb. 1, is a nationwide company with hundreds of college and industrial cafeterias. Manager of the Gardner-Webb cafeteria for Slater is H. F. Woods of Atlanta.

## Four-Year Status For College Discussed

Will Gardner-Webb become a four-year college?

Why has it not made more effort in this direction?

Many questions of this kind have come our way in recent months. At press time a special session of Baptist State convention was scheduled to discuss this among other matters in their May 5 meeting.

Gardner-Webb is certainly interested in becoming a senior college as soon as there is sufficient demand for its services as such and when it has adequate financial assistance to make the change.

"You who are now freshmen," Dr. Elliott recently told the student body in chapel, "could conceivably be the first graduates of a four-year Gardner-Webb."

He went on to explain that any change will likely take considerably longer. "But the alumni and friends are definitely interested in the possibility," he continued.

The president emphasized that care would be taken to maintain the college's full accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He said no lowering of standards could be permitted.

A new science building and other space, increased support, faculty additions, and other adjustments would be necessary before any change in status for the college.

Friends close to the college sum up the situation by saying they are excited by the possibilities, but expect any change to be some five years away.

## All Former Students Invited To Alumni Banquet

May 23 at 6:30 p.m. is your date with your Alma Mater for the annual Alumni Banquet.

If you want to really enjoy your visit plan to arrive by around 5 o'clock. This will give you time to stroll across the campus and whet your memory, and still have time to greet your former classmates before banquet time.

Classes in special reunion this year are those of 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, and 1955. The most recent class, 1958, will also have a special reunion, and the 1959 candidates for graduation will be special guests at the banquet.

Every former student of the institution is invited to the banquet, and not special reunion classes only.

Letters of invitation have been sent to all alumni whose addresses we have, but for those who may have failed to receive one or who lost it this article is a letter of invitation.

Alumni President Guy Walker,

'40, met with alumni association directors at the college April 20 to complete plans for the program. Present were the Rev. Walker, Vice - Pres. Clemon "Whitey" Smith, '48, Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick, '35, secretary; John Roberts, '49, college publicity director; Rev. Harold Long, '56; Rev. Robert Trexler, '42; and Arthur Atchley, '46.

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Mail to:

Alumni Office

Gardner-Webb College

Boiling Springs, N. C.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ plate(s) for the Alumni Banquet May 23  
(number)  
at 6:30 p.m. at \$1.50 per plate.

I do (——) do not (——) enclose my \$2.00 Alumni dues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Duncan Heads Student Body

Ned Duncan of Marion, ministerial student and basketball star, will head the student body for the 1959-60 school year. He was elected to office April 17.

Named vice-president was Dennis Porch of Mooresville, an engineering major. Recca Greene, Shelby native and business student, was chosen secretary.

Outgoing officers include Mike Logan of Mooresboro, president; Phyllis Wilson of Shelby, vice-president; and Janice Anderson of Gastonia, secretary.

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## NEW APARTMENTS

Construction at the college has seldom ceased in the past decade, with a new structure added almost every year.

Right now a new duplex apartment building is to be built at the corner of North Main and Green streets. It is to be ready for occupancy by faculty or married students.

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## Anchor Presented

The 1959 college yearbook, **The Anchor**, was presented to the students April 22. A 120-page volume, it is bound in charcoal grain hard-board covers with red embossed lettering and an anchor symbol.

**The Anchor** is dedicated to Prof. F. B. Dedmond, head of the English department. Frances Hamrick is editor and Jerry Jackson is business manager.

## Religious Focus Week

Religious Focus Week, observed March 9-13, was proclaimed by many students and teachers as having been the most effective week of religious emphasis in recent years.

Program personalities included Dr. W. H. Bramlette, Dr. L. D. Malphrus, Dr. Perry Crouch, Rev. Leon Hollingsworth, Rev. Keener Pharr, Dr. Frank Richardson, and several others. They participated in worship services twice daily, conducted seminars, and spent several hours each day in individual and group conferences.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School to open next month is expected to be one of the largest in Gardner-Webb's 15 year experience with summer sessions.

Advance applications May 1 were 50 per cent ahead of the same date last year. The 1958 session attracted 140 students.

Two non credit courses in mathematics are expected to meet a widespread demand. Plane geometry and intermediate algebra will be taught for college students wishing to remove a deficiency and high school students who want to get ahead.

College subjects include 28 courses in biology, chemistry, English, Spanish, history, health, physical education, and mathematics.

Summer school begins June 8, and closes with commencement exercises August 8.

# Across The Desk

By John Roberts, Quarterly Editor



Last month a crew of carpenters descended on the last remaining "GI apartment" and just about ruined the structure.

## Mr. Roberts

Any alumni who ever lived in one of the apartment buildings following World War II can well understand that extensive repair could destroy the character of the flat roof monstrosity.

The workmen gave the building a pitched roof covered with green shingles. Earlier they had refinished the floors, installed new plumbing and water heaters, put on a new coat of paint, and added a new exterior of asbestos shingles. The new roof, however, was the final blow and no honest former resident could call it a GI apartment now.

At one time the college had six of the apartment buildings, housing 36 families of veteran students. Temporary structures, they have given way to comfortable homes erected by several members of the faculty, and the few married students are now provided more adequate housing elsewhere and in the renovated building.

Zeb and Evelyn (Krause) Moss, Class of '50, have turned movie stars. No, they have not forsaken the ministry for Hollywood. Zeb is still pastor of Caroleen Baptist Church and a trustee at his Alma Mater. They have been in Richmond, Va., several times in recent weeks for filming of a movie for the Foreign Mission Board entitled "The Circle of His Will." It will be released shortly. They are volunteers for foreign mission service and are expected to receive an appointment this summer.

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James Whittington, '49, now assistant manager of the Asheville office for New York Life Insurance Company, recently sent me a very attractive and well-prepared paper entitled "How to Save Money by Giving." It is a convincing article, even to a person whose gifts are small, and it merits publication in a future issue of the **Quarterly**. Basic information includes tax-deductible gifts and estate taxes, plus pointers on building an estate through insurance. It is an article of potential interest to people in all income brackets.

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The '59 graduating class must capitalize on quality, because they are short in numbers. Although sophomore enrollment is above average, the number of candidates for graduation is off by some 25 per cent. Only 58 expect to receive diplomas this spring. Quite a few others will finish two years of study and continue their education in senior colleges, but they do not meet all the requirements for receiving a diploma.



## Summer Missionaries

Four Gardner-Webb College students will serve as home missionaries this summer for the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

They will work during June, July, and August in assigned areas under supervision of missionaries in the field. All are second year students at Gardner-Webb and are active in campus religious life.

Sandra Gibson, liberal arts major from Shelby, will work in Jacksonville, Fla.

Doris Walters of Gastonia, a student in religious education, will go to Carbondale, Ill.

Dean Bridges of Kings Mountain and Louise Alford of Rocky Mount are assigned to Jefferson City, Mo. He is a ministerial student and she a music major. Both honor students, they are co-chiefs of the college honor society.

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## Faculty Award Changed

A change in granting of faculty achievement awards was adopted by the college trustees last month on recommendation of the curriculum committee.

The award fund amounting to \$500 will be divided among teachers who do advanced study during the summer.

Established two years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Holt McPherson of High Point, the award in 1957 went to Prof. Francis B. Dedmond. Last year the recipient was John E. Roberts, associate director of public relations.

The trustees recommended the change to encourage further study by teachers, and to "create added incentive through challenge rather than award."

## New Awards Approved For Commencement

Four additional awards will be given at commencement time this year, recognizing achievement in music, forensics, and academic excellence.

The faculty's curriculum committee approved the new awards April 20, to be added to the eight awards already given each year.

A medal will be presented the graduate with the highest academic standing for two years study, to a student honored for general excellence and enrolled for one or more courses in music, and to two members of the forensics and debate squad for outstanding achievement.

Beginning in 1960 an award will be made to the varsity athlete achieving highest scholastic standing.

These awards are in addition to the Huggins and Curtis citizenship awards, Suttle Bible medal, Wake Forest and Meredith scholarships, drama award, College Woman's Club scholarship, and freshman scholastic achievement scholarship.

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## Trustee Leaves State

The Rev. Keener Pharr, minister of education at First Baptist Church in Charlotte and Gardner-Webb trustee, has accepted a position as superintendent of administration for the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. He will begin his new duties June 1.

# Marriages

*Rev. Donald Hoyle Cabaniss* '50 to Virginia Dale Gold, both of Grover, Feb. 1.

*Joe Beauchamp Rose* '50, to Iris Nora Beam, both of Shelby, March 15.

*Dorothy Frances Goforth* '54 to Jacob Anthony Dixon, both of Kings Mountain, Feb. 15.

*Lois Jean Goodman* '54 of White Marsh, Md., to Charles Arthur Tress, Feb. 21.

*Janet Joan Walker* '55 of Elkin to Don R. Royal of Erwin, April 11.

*Gerald Gene Weathers* '55 to Ella Foy Suttle '57, both of Shelby, Feb. 14.

*Doris Porter* '57 of Shelby to Jerry Cook of Grover, March 8.

*Carlos deVan Bulle* '58 of Wallburg to Bonnie Jean Moser of Winston-Salem, March 27.

*Clinton Horton Landreth* '58 to Jerene Bailey, both of Cliffside, in March.

*Frank Osborn McFarland, Jr.* '58 of Lattimore to Jacqueline Adams, March 26.

# Births

*Mr. and Mr. Carl Blanton* '39, Shelby, Rt. 3, a daughter, April 27.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bankhead* '47, Shelby, Rt. 4, a son, March 26.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McBrayer* (*Linda Lee Lovelace* '47), Forest City, a son, Grady Wilbur, Feb. 1.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamrick* (*Carolyn Rhyne* '49), Boiling Springs, a son, Feb. 15.

*Mr. and Mrs. Nyal Williams* '49, Chapel Hill, a daughter, Elizabeth Dawn, Feb. 21.

*Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner* (*Mavis Martin* '50), Shelby, Rt. 3, a son, Dec. 16.

*Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hendrick, Jr.* (*Nell Gold*) '52, Shelby, Rt. 5, a daughter, Feb. 27.

*Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jordan, Jr.* (*Janet Mintz*) '53, '55, Mooresboro, a son, John Ross, April 4.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridges* (*Daphne*

*Randolph* '54), Boiling Springs, a daughter, Donna Gayle, Jan. 14.

*Mr. and Mrs. George Richard Reid* (*Betty Joan Staton* '55), Charlotte, a son, George Gregory, Feb. 14.

*Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith* '55, Shelby, a daughter, Feb. 21.

*Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cummings* (*Margaret Gold*) '57, Shelby, a son, April 1.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Stockton* '57, Lattimore, a daughter, Dec. 22.

*Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Blanton*, 3d, '58, Shelby, Rt. 3, a daughter, April 16.

*Rev. and Mrs. Harold House* '58, Surrey, Va., a son, Ben Charles, Feb. 16.

*Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hunt* (*Darcus Packard*) '58, Winston-Salem, a daughter, Debra Elaine, Feb. 21.

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## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

### CLASS OF 1955

*John W. Elliott, Jr.* is now living in Cambridge, Mass. He is a student in the Harvard University Divinity School and is pastor of Grove Chapel Church and of Precinct Congregational Church at Lakeville, Mass. He is married to the former Jane Kendall Beam of Shelby.

*Rev. Lee Gregory* is pastor of a church near Jacksonville.

*Mac Hill* is sports editor of *The Record* in Columbia, S. C. He recently completed a six-

months tour of Army service at Fort Jackson, S. C.

*Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norris* (*Betty Barker* '56) live in Gastonia. Bill is teaching ninth grade at South Gastonia School, and Betty is employed as secretary for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gastonia. They have one son.

*Rev. E. Ray Scism* is pastor of Eastview Baptist Church at Rock Hill, S. C.

### CLASS OF 1956

*Betty Barker*—see Norris '55.



# Deaths

*T. C. Honeycutt* '09 of Charlotte died Feb. 19.

*J. Hopson Austell* '21 of Shelby died March 24. He was manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Shelby.

A2-C Roger E. Roberts, 20, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Roberts (Julia Ezma Moore)* '31, of Hampton, Va., died April 18 when his automobile crashed over an embankment near Topsham, Maine, where he was stationed.

An infant son of *Dr. and Mrs. Milton Noblett* '51 of San Antonio, Texas, died in the air base hospital two hours after birth, Feb. 27.

Lt. and *Mrs. Joseph A. Adams (Betty Sue*

*Weathers* '52) of London Bridge, Va., lost an infant son Feb. 26, 36 hours after birth. They have three other children, Joey, Liz, and Lou Anne.

*Gay Fisher Miller (Mrs. Dean R.)* '55 died April 15 in a Washington, D. C., hospital following brain surgery. She and Dean were married in August, 1957. Their son, Stephen Dean, is now eight months old. At Gardner-Webb Gay was a member of the BSU executive council and served on the *Pilot* and *Anchor* staffs.

Mr. and *Mrs. Eugene Gamble (Glenda Tenery* '58) of Shelby, lost an infant son, Denny Eugene, March 2. Denny was one month old.

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## W. J. Sprinkle Family Sends Third to College

William Jesse Sprinkle III, Gardner-Webb freshman, is also the third person bearing that name to attend the college.

His father, William Jesse, Jr., was enrolled in 1939-40, and the first William Jesse Sprinkle completed his studies here in 1915.

Mr. Sprinkle, Sr. is pastor of Mayo Baptist Church near Spartanburg. Jesse, Jr. is a conciliator for the South Carolina Department of Labor.

The family team up to operate a 250-acre peach orchard at their home near Chesnee, S. C.

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## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

*Rev. Thad Robert Dowdle*, student at Southeastern Seminary and pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Macon Association, was ordained to the ministry on Jan. 18.

*Talmadge H. Edwards* lives in Metairie, La., where he is district manager for Lance Packing Co.

*Peggie Harmon* is enrolled in the School of Religious Education at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

*Glenn Hawkins* is science and math teacher at Grover High School.

*Nancy Cheshire Hogson (Mrs. John H.)* lives in Greenville, Miss. Her husband is in pilot training at Greenville Air Force base.

*Vera Rose Johnson (Mrs. Paul)* lives at New Orleans, La. Her husband is a student at the Baptist Seminary there.

*Joe Laney McGinnis* is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Co., as directory salesman. He and his wife, Norma Jean, live in Lenoir.

## Christian Education Day Is Father's Day, June 21

Gardner-Webb will receive special recognition in Baptist churches throughout the greater college area on Father's Day, June 21.

That is Christian Education Day for Baptists in North Carolina. Attention will be focused on the seven Baptist colleges, and emphasis will be placed on the value of Christian education for our Baptist young people.

Gardner-Webb is working closely with church leaders in 10 local associations to promote Christian Education Day. The purpose is to strengthen ties between the churches and the college.

Vice-Pres. W. Lawson Allen is directing the movement for the college, and is working with the various church leaders to coordinate the program.

The 10 local Baptist associations are Kings Mountain, Sandy Run, Gaston, Green River, Blue Ridge, Catawba River, South Mountain, Theron Rankin, South Fork, and Caldwell.

These associations represent over 150,000 Baptists, who will have a special opportunity to give to the support of their college through the church. Christian Education Day is the only time in the year that gifts may be made directly to the college through the church in keeping with the Cooperative Program.

Gardner-Webb needs more. It needs more buildings, more operating funds, more equipment, more endowment—all these so that it can give more educational advantages to our young people.

June 21 is Christian Education Day — your day to support Gardner-Webb College.

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## Conference Scheduled On Church Development

A Church Development Conference will meet at Gardner-Webb May 28-29, sponsored by the Department of Church Development of the Baptist State Convention.

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The Rev. Ernest C. Upchurch '43, secretary, will direct the conference.

Invitations are extended to pastors and laymen from any part of the state, particularly from the 10 associations in the greater college area.

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## Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

### CLASS OF 1957

*Lucy Ward Avery (Mrs. Judge)* lives at Plumbtree.

*Thomas D. Carroll* lives in Augusta, Ga., where he is in the Army. He is married to the former Marilyn Tate, who teaches in Augusta.

*Jerry and Margie (Norville) Hudson* operate Payne's Grocery at Chimney Rock. They have a son, Jerry, Jr., age nine months.

*James E. Huey* is a senior at Wake Forest College. He is married to the former Miss Faye Nones of Marshall.

*Carroll Kirby* is enrolled at Limestone College. He is music director at Southside Baptist Church in Gaffney, S. C.

### CLASS OF 1958

*Max Crawley* is employed by Perry's Furniture Company in Shelby.

*Robert Hardee* is enrolled at Newberry College in Newberry, S. C.

*Glenda Hawkins* is enrolled at Newberry College, where she is majoring in secondary education.

## Gaston Association Plans Gardner-Webb Bus

Churches in the Gaston Baptist Association have adopted a special project for Christian Education Day.

They plan to buy a bus to transport commuting students from Gaston County to classes at Gardner-Webb College.

The idea originated and grew among leaders in Gaston who approached college officials and received encouragement for the plan.

The proposed bus would be located in eastern Gaston County, and would bring students to Gardner-Webb each morning and return them each afternoon. Transportation cost to the student would be 50 cents per day or \$90 per year. This, added to the \$310 tuition and fees for a day student, would give him a total yearly expense of \$400.

**Commencement Speakers —** Dr. John L. Slaughter, left, pastor of First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S. C., and president of the South Carolina State Baptist Convention, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class May 24. The commencement address May 25 will be given by the Hon. Guy T. Carswell, Charlotte attorney and former Gardner-Webb trustee.



Mr. Slaughter



Mr. Carswell